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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 25 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 14th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. Tommy Remengesau Jr., Vice-President of the Republic of Palau

Belarus

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Thailand

(continued overleaf)

TWENTY-SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(27 and 28 September 1999)

The twenty-second special session of the General Assembly will open on Monday, 27 September 1999, ***at 9 a.m.*** in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 4). Live Webcast of the debate of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly will be available at the General Assembly Web site at the following address: *http://www.un.org/ga/island*

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, with a briefing by the Secretary-General on the state of Africa.

Burkina Faso

Belgium

Chile

3 p.m. 15th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Petar Stoyanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Francisco Guillermo Flores Pérez, President of the Republic of El Salvador
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Rinchinnyamyn Amarjargal, Prime Minister of Mongolia

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Veiga, Prime Minister of Cape Verde

   Croatia

   Viet Nam

   Kenya

   Ireland

   Benin

   Malta

   Uganda

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The speakers in the general debate are reminded that the General Assembly, in paragraph 21 of the annex to resolution 51/241, has indicated a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement in the general debate. In line with several strong appeals by the President of the General Assembly, speakers are kindly requested to make an extra effort in observing this 20-minute voluntary guideline for the general debate so that the list of speakers for each day shall be completed in a timely manner.

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly is available at the General Assembly Web site at the following address:

http://www.un.org/ga/22special/ga54/IndexE.htm

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (20-25 September and 29 September-2 October 1999) is now available in room S-2925 (General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative). The list of speakers is also available on the Internet at the following address: www. un.org/ga/54/list54.htm. Any queries concerning the list of speakers should be addressed to the Division (Mrs. Nicolle Matias-Veyne (tel.: (212) 963-5063)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Saturday, 25 September 1999

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES
(Ministerial meeting)

11 a.m.-2 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 27 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-second special session

9 a.m. 1st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Islands Developing States: debate:

His Excellency Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana

His Exellency The Honourable Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa

His Excellency Mr. Tommy Remengesau Jr., Vice-President of the Republic of Palau

His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus

His Excellency Mr. Leo Amy Falcam, President of the Federated States of Micronesia

His Excellency Mr. Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar

Her Excellency Mrs. Rosario Green, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico

His Excellency Mr. Borys Tarasyuk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

His Excellency The Honourable George Odlum, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saint Lucia

His Excellency Mr. Jaswant Singh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of India

Her Excellency Mrs. Satu Hassi, Minister for Environment and Development Cooperation of Finland

His Excellency The Honourable Seymour Mullings, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica

His Excellency The Honourable Alexander Downer, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia

His Excellency Mr. Jérémie Bonnelame, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Seychelles

His Excellency Mr. Roberto Flores Bermúdez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras

His Excellency Mr. Mark Isaac, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Grenada

His Excellency The Honourable Kilroy Genia, MP, Minister for Attorney-General of Papua New Guinea

Her Excellency Mrs. Magdalena Lizardo, Vice-Minister for Cooperation of the Dominican Republic

His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Chairman of the Delegation of Egypt

His Excellency Mr. Gelson Fonseca, Chairman of the Delegation of Brazil

His Excellency Mr. Elias Gounaris, Chairman of the Delegation of Greece

His Excellency Mr. Alfonso Ortega Urbina, Chairman of the Delegation of Nicaragua

His Excellency Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Chairman of the Delegation of Croatia

His Excellency Mr. Lee See-Young, Chairman of the Delegation of the Republic of Korea

His Excellency Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, Palestine

3 p.m. 2nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Islands Developing States: debate:

His Excellency Mr. Carlos Veiga, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cape Verde

His Excellency The Right Honourable Owen Arthur, MP, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs of Barbados

His Excellency The Honourable Alfred Mubanda, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Uganda

His Excellency Mr. Eduard Kukan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia

Her Excellency The Honourable Hilda Kari, MP, Minister of Forestry, Environment and Conservation of Solomon Islands

Her Excellency Mrs. Maria Minna, Minister for International Cooperation of Canada

His Excellency Mr. Hiroshi Yamamura, Minister for Internal and Social Affairs of the Marshall Islands

His Excellency Mr. Erroll Glenn Snijders, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Suriname

His Excellency The Honourable Dr. Earl Asim Martin, Minister for Health and Women's Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis

His Excellency Mr. Santiago Nsobeya Efuman, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Equatorial Guinea

His Excellency Shaikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain

Her Excellency Dr. Ursula Eid, Deputy-Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany

His Excellency Mr. Leiv Lunde, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Norway

Her Excellency Mrs. Paulina Garcia de Larrea, Vice-Minister for International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador

His Excellency Mr. Wang Guangya, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of China

His Excellency Mr. Martin Andjaba, Chairman of the Delegation of Namibia

His Excellency Mr. Danilo Türk, Chairman of the Delegation of Slovenia

His Excellency Mr. Walter Balzan, Chairman of the Delegation of Malta

His Excellency Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Chairman of the Delegation of the Russian Federation

His Excellency Mr. André Adam, Chairman of the Delegation of Belgium

His Excellency Mr. Yukio Satoh, Chairman of the Delegation of Japan

His Excellency Mr. Alain Dejammet, Chairman of the Delegation of France

His Excellency Mr. Isa Ayad Babaa, Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

7 p.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Islands Developing States: debate:

His Excellency Mr. Hassan Adamu, Minister for Environment of Nigeria

His Excellency Mr. Leonardo Santos Simão, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique

His Royal Highness Prince Ulukalala-Lavaka-Ata, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence of Tonga

His Excellency Mr. Abdelrahim Ahmed Khalil, Representative of the Sudan

His Excellency Mr. Ali Hachani, Chairman of the Delegation of Tunisia

His Excellency Mr. Francisco Tudela, Chairman of the Delegation of Peru

His Excellency Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Chairman of the Delegation of Qatar

His Excellency Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan, Chairman of the Delegation of Mongolia

Viet Nam

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

3 p.m.
6 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 2

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work
3. Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/S-22/2* and A/S-22/2/Add.1)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.
6 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 8

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/C.6/54/L.1)
3. Allocation of items (A/C.6/54/1)

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Morning*-1 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

Document A/54/37

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Executive session on gratis personnel provided by Governments

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for members of permanent missions will not be held until Friday, 1 October. The briefings will resume on Monday, 4 October 1999, at 12.30 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 27 September 1999

GROUP OF 77
(draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea and review and implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Islands Developing States)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE :

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AFGHANISTAN
(at the ministerial level)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE :

CONTACT GROUP ON JAMMU/KASHMIR
(at the ministerial level)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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Briefing

The Regional Representative of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), Mr. Michael Platzer, will brief permanent missions on current efforts to implement the Barbados Plan of Action on Drug Control. The briefing will be held on Monday, 27 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E, and will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

The ad hoc expert group meeting on "Economic Governance within the Context of Globalization: Conceptual and Policy Issues", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will begin on Monday, 27 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1240 (DC1 Building). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. S. Ran Kim (tel.: (212) 963-8391).

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Side event

In connection with the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, a side event, organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on "Coastal and Lagoon Preservation: Lessons Learned from Venice" will take place on Monday, 27 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 September 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will begin its general debate on all disarmament and international security items from 11 to 20 October 1999. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-2977B; tel.: (212) 963-0049; telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/54/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Comittee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 4 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/54/L.1. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/54/1) will be open for inscription on Wednesday, 29 September, at 3 p.m.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/54/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Wednesday, 6 October 1999, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 106 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; telefax: (212) 963-5935).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will give a briefing on the programme of work of the Commission on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on organization of work)* on Tuesday, 28 September 1999, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Side events

In connection with the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, a side event, organized by the Permanent Missions of Papua New Guinea and Japan, on "The Impact of Natural Disasters on Small Island Developing States (focusing on tsunami)" will take place on Tuesday, 28 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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In connection with the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, a two-part side event, organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will take place on Tuesday, 28 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The first part will be the launch of a series of *Island Environment Outlook* reports, dealing with the Caribbean, Western Indian Ocean and South Pacific. Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of UNEP, will be among the speakers. The second part will be the formal launch of the Clearing House Mechanism of the Global Programme of Action on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-base Activities. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Ministerial meeting

The Ninth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries will be held on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Mike Moore, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Mr. Zéphirin Diabre, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations, and Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank.

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Briefings

The Executive Secretaries of the five regional commissions will hold an informal briefing, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on "The Role and Activities of the Regional Commissions in the Regional Preparations for the Conference of the World Trade Organization in Seattle (United States) in November". The briefing will be held on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Ms. Yakim Ertürk, on Tuesday, 5 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1, on agenda items 99 (c) (Women in development), 109 (Advancement of women) and 110 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU), in cooperation with the World Conservation Union (IUCN), are organizing the second session in the UNU/UNITAR Series, entitled "Workshop on International Environmental Law". Session II will be conducted in English on Thursday, 30 September, and on Friday, 1 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the United Nations Church Center (777 United Nations Plaza, 7th Floor).

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The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations, originally scheduled to be held from 27 to 29 September, will now take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The new registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Special meeting

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's Special Representative to the United Nations, will hold a debriefing following the September 1999 Interim Committee meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The meeting will be conducted in English on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 30 September 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 23 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

11th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister of Lesotho, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Salim El-Hoss, Prime Minister of Lebanon, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mrs. Lydie Polfer, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Luxembourg; H.E. Mr. Suleiman Majed Al-Shaheen, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait; H.E. Mr. Didier Opertti, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. The Honourable Lakshman Kadirgamar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka; H.E. Mrs. Rosario Green, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico; H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Ismail Cem, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey; H.E. Mr. Andrei Gabriel Plesu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania; and H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Dimitrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq and Kuwait.

Friday, 24 September 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4048th meeting

Small arms

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the Minister Delegate for Cooperation and Francophonie of France, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Malaysia and Canada, the representative of the Russian Federation, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Argentina, the Minister for Foreign Relations of Brazil, the Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, the representative of Namibia, the Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophonie of Gabon, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia and the Secretary of State of the United States of America, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/28).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

12th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mrs. Mireya Moscoso, President of the Republic of Panama

H.E. Mrs. Mireya Moscoso, President of the Republic of Panama, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic

H.E. Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Jacques Baudin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Kamal Kharrazi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran; H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba; H.E. Mr. Kassymzhomart Tokaev, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; H.E. Mr. Shunmugam Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore; and H.E. Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq.

13th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 13th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/184/Add.1).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 1999

566th and 567th meetings

Consideration of reports by States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Vanuatu (CRC/C/28/Add.8).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: India (22 September 1999)*

Signature: Nepal (24 September 1999)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Republic of Korea (24 September 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Signature: Namibia (24 September 1999)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Benin (24 September 1999)

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Ratification: Sweden (22 September 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Botswana
H.E. M. Legwaila Jospeh Legwaila

Asian States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Volkan Vural

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Paraguay
Mr. Genero Vicente Pappalardo
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Thorsteinn Ingolfsson

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Pass and Identification Office

The Pass and Identification Office will be open as follows: Saturday, 25 September, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 26 September, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, 27 September, from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and Tuesday, 28 September, from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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